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TOPIC Military Activity at the Doeberitz Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED

1. At about 0700 on 19 August 1954, a column which came from the direction of Elsgrund, went toward Buchow-Karpzow in the west section of the Doeberitz training grounds. The column consisted of 7 T-34/85 tanks 25X1
 3 JS tanks, 4 JSU-152 guns and 2 armored personnel carriers. 25X1
 At the same time, another column of T-34/85 tanks, JS tanks and trucks which came from the south, also proceeded toward Buchow-Karpzow. Trucks were 25X1
 subsequently observed at the south edge of the Karpzow forest. At about 1100, a column of 25 to 30 trucks occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was seen en route to the south section of the training grounds. The column had come from the direction of Adler and Loewen Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz. 25X1
 Between 0600 and 0720 on 3 September, several columns came from the direction of Elsgrund and went toward Buchow-Karpzow. A total of 18 T-34/85 tanks 25X1
 10 armored personnel carriers, several trucks 25X1
 and an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed. 25X1
2. Unusually intensive firing practices were held at the Doeberitz training grounds between 24 and 25 August. The practices involved tanks, AT guns and howitzers and included night firing practices on 23 and 25 August. Large areas of the training grounds were cordoned off permanently. Impacts were frequently observed in the area north of the village of Doeberitz.
3. Between mid-August and early September, increased training activity, mostly at night, was observed in the Doeberitz area. Fresh imprints of tank tracks daily led from the Adler and Loewen Kaserne and the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) in Doeberitz toward Finkenkrug in the northern portion of the training grounds and to the area south of Hamburger Chaussee in the southern portion of the training grounds. Heavy fire was frequently heard from the area south of Hamburger Chaussee.

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at day and night and was unusually heavy during the night on 26 August. On 13 August, a column of 15 T-34 tanks went from the Adler Kaserne to the west section of the training grounds.

4. In the early morning on 2 September, heavy noise of tanks and vehicles was heard from the direction south of Finkenkrug. Tank tracks indicated that units from the Adler and Loewen Kaserne went to the area north of Hamburger Chaussee. According to Soviet soldiers, the movements were made in connection with maneuvers. 1
5. On 19 August, 9 T-34 tanks [] 4 armored personnel carriers and 8 trucks with personnel were seen on the road from Pauesin to Machow, southwest of Nauen, and subsequently turned off to the area west of the road. 2

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1. [] Comment. The information indicates that the intensive training activity of tank, artillery and mechanized units of the 1st Mech Div, which started in early August, continued until early September. [] In addition to firing practices, especially at night, exercises at reinforced regimental level and in mixed combat groups are believed to have been conducted, mostly in the area north of Hamburger Chaussee.

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2. [] Comment. According to tank turret [] the column belonged to the 1st Mech Div or the 10th Gds Tank Div. The motor vehicle [] are believed to belong to the Fourth Gds Mech Army or the 10th Gds Tank Div. The column, therefore, may have contained practicing units of the 1st Mech Div which came from the Doeberitz training grounds, or units of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Krampnitz. It is believed that there was no connection between the observed movement and the exercises which the latter division, at that time, conducted in the Rathenow area.

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